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***GUN-TOTING FELON GETS EIGHTEEN YEARS UNDER  
“PROJECT CEASEFIRE”***

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that JERROD L. BROWN was sentenced to eighteen years imprisonment today in U.S. District Court in Savannah by U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield following Brown's earlier guilty plea. Brown, 23, a felon with prior convictions which include carrying a concealed weapon and two aggravated assaults on local police officers, was declared an "armed career criminal" under federal law because of his violent criminal record. Ms. Wood stressed that there is no parole in the federal system.

Agents of the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team arrested Brown on November 26, 2003, for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possession of a Glock 9 mm handgun by a convicted felon, and obstruction of officers. The case was then adopted by the U.S. Attorney's Office under "Project Ceasefire," a district gun initiative which targets the illegal use or possession of firearms. This office has successfully prosecuted over 250 defendants under "Project Ceasefire."

In addition to the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team, the investigation of Brown was conducted by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The lead prosecutor representing the United States was Assistant U.S. Attorney Darrin L. McCullough.

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